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Rat infestation fear at children's playground

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A CHILDREN'S playground has become infested with rats despite efforts to remove them three months ago.

Residents at Churchill Court, Newmarket, have noticed a big rat problem at the playground since March after finding a dead rat in one of the neighbourhood bins.

Residents say landlord Flagship Homes acted on the issue, but the problem has since grown.

Piwowarczyk Elzbieta, a resident, told the *News*: "Churchill Court has a huge problem with rats at the playground. There are many holes which they are digging. Flagship and the council have known about it, but they didn't do enough.

"We called them three separate times in March. They cleaned it up, but didn't use any traps or deterrent. So the problem has only grown.

"Rats have started walking around, even during the day. Many people, including kids, are walking to school this way. This is starting to become dangerous.

"People living at Churchill Court are left with a problem, and no-one wants to help."

Rats are responsible for the transmission of many diseases, mainly through their urine, including salmonella and Weil's disease.

Rats often hide, so if rats are observed in plain sight it is likely that an infestation exists.

When space becomes limited due to increased population, rats are forced out in the open.

They chew on materials such as plastic and wood, so they can damage structures of buildings.

Andrea Rutterford, head of housing at Flagship, said: "Once we were made aware of the presence of rats, our pest control team attended and has taken the relevant action.

"We have a regular presence in the area and will continue to work with residents to encourage them to dispose of their rubbish appropriately."

A spokesman for Forest Heath District Council said: "While we do not carry out pest control, our Environmental Health team will ensure that the landlord carries out the appropriate action to remove vermin from the properties concerned."

RAT RUN: A rat on the move near Churchill Court and, right, a rat found dead in the road

WELFARE

Would ewe believe it? Sheep race is halted by protest

CALLED OFF: Samantha with her petition against the sheep race

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AN ANIMAL rights advocate says she is "over the moon" following the success of a campaign to scrap this year's annual Woodditton Sheep Run.

Samantha Francis, 42, from St Ives, started a petition calling on Woodditton Parish Council to bring a halt to the "unnecessary and cruel" event which sees dozens of sheep being chased round a 70-metre grass track with stuffed teddy bear "jockeys" on their backs.

Sharing her petition with animal rights groups on Facebook, she won the support of almost 40,000 people in three days, forcing the parish council to call time on the historic event.

Following the victory she told the *News* she was "absolutely thrilled" with the result and vowed to continue to be a voice for voiceless animals everywhere.

Samantha, a vegan, said: "These sheep are quiet, timid creatures. They are prey animals so they will only run when they are frightened.

"You don't see sheep running about in the wild. You don't see a lot of running sheep, so I don't think they like running that much or you would see them do it.

"Granted, no one gets physically hurt, or do they? These sheep are known to fall over. I don't think they are able to right themselves again and they need help to get back on their feet. And it must be really traumatic for them. It's an unnatural setting.

"There isn't a lot of understanding. I know it has been happening in Scotland for centuries – they used to use toddlers a long time ago until a young lad fell off and broke his neck and now they use teddy bears or little models.

"It's absolutely undignified – they are tying teddy bears to these sheep and making them run along a race track for no reason."

Samantha said she first found out last Saturday about the church-run event – which was due to take place on July 9.

It was a "double blow" for her as an animal rights champion and Christian. Before the event was cancelled she was planning on presenting the petition to the vicar of St Mary's Church in Woodditton following a service this Sunday.

She said: "Stopping cruelty to animals should be bumped up the priority list for churches and I don't think they take it seriously enough.

"Jesus compared himself to sheep quite often, he called himself the 'Lamb of God', he called himself the Good Shepherd. I think he would be mortified if he saw what was happening.

"There are plenty of alternatives: they could get adults or even children to dress up as sheep and run along the road, that would be much more fun surely?"

Last year there were calls for the event to be cancelled but this is the first time the rural parish has bowed to pressure.

In a statement a parish council spokesman said it was "conscious of the need to treat animals with care", noting that at previous fetes "the races were organised and managed superbly and without incident by the professional shepherds".

He added: "The sheep used were mature ewes, not in lamb, and did not carry 'jockeys' of course. The races were straight, with proper barriers and no hazards for the sheep.

"We wouldn't be involved in anything we remotely regarded as cruel. But clearly some people do have other views, which we understand."

But for Samantha the campaign to bring justice for all of God's creatures is far from over.

She is now planning to campaigns to ban the practice throughout the UK.

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COMMUNITY

‘Blood donors saved my life’ – accident victim

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A YEAR since a hit-and-run car crash left him with both legs amputated below the knee, Shaun Whiter says blood donors saved his life — and vowed he’ll be walking down the aisle at his wedding.

On July 1 last year, former Newmarket Town footballer Shaun was left for dead by the side of the road, trapped between his own BMW and another car.

He recently visited donors at the NHS Blood and Transplant Centre in Cambridge, as it celebrates its 50th anniversary, to say thank you.

Shaun said: “I’m here to repay the debt of all these donors who have donated blood for a great cause. All the support from the general public has been fantastic and they are the people I need to thank because without them I wouldn’t be here.

“I lost five pints of blood in the accident. They used a lot more than that to save my life, so anyone else who can donate, you’re saving a life. So get down here, do your bit, and you’ll get a biscuit and a drink while you’re here.”

Shaun, of Burrough Green, near Newmarket, was with his fiancée, Charlotte Way, who was also giving blood.

“Shaun’s amazing,” she said. “He’s so positive. He has his down moments but they are so rare.”

She said she wanted to give blood to repay the people who had done the same for Shaun. “If anyone can do it, they should,” she said.

Shaun, 28, has made astonishing progress in his recovery, learning to walk on prosthetic legs and he now wants to get back to competitive sport, possibly even for the 2020 Paralympics in Tokyo.

He recently completed the two-day 150-mile sponsored tour of Suffolk cycle ride using a specially built handcycle.

MOVING ON: Shaun Whiter is determined to walk down the aisle for his wedding to Charlotte Way on July 21

Shaun raised £2,760 for the charities East Anglian Air Ambulance and the Friends of Ipswich Town.

However, now he wants to concentrate on getting back to his rehabilitation.

“I just want to put my head down and do my rehab which is still ongoing. I’m now walking. I’m fully mobile and I’m independent which is great,” he said.

“I’m getting married so I’d like to have a family, like most people do.

“If I can’t walk to the park, or the shops with my child, then where’s the fun in that?”

But he’s confident he’ll be walking down the aisle when he marries Charlotte on July 21.

He is looking forward to their honeymoon in Kenya, and said everything was ready for the wedding, apart from one thing.

“The speech. I’ve still got to try and write that,” he said.

Police tracked down the hit-and-run driver, Jan Adamec, from Haverhill, following the crash.

He was later jailed for more than three years after admitting causing serious injury by dangerous driving.

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FESTIVAL

Having a ball at rugby club festival

LIVE music, sand art and beer helped keep the crowds entertained at Newmarket Rugby Club Festival — and of course a little rugby as well.

Saturday’s event kicked off with a mixed-age seven-a-side touch rugby tournament won by a ‘Barbarian’ team of the previous season’s under-14s from the Newmarket club.

Throughout the afternoon musical entertainment was provided by jazz, rock and blues act the Tim Brown Duo and groups from Newmarket’s M&L School of Performing Arts.

Stalls and attractions included a sand art display, a bouncy castle and a set of stocks where people could hurl a wet sponge at a chosen victim.

The club’s bar also put on a selection of beers and a barbecue.

The afternoon culminated with the Alan Boswell Group Veterans Challenge between Newmarket and Cambridgeshire, with Cambridge University and District, which was preceded by a one-minute applause to mark the recent passing of ex-Newmarket player Ian Parsons.

“The weather was just about perfect for the spectators, if a tad warm for the players,” said Richard Guenigault, one of the tournament’s organisers.

“The matches were all played in the friendly and competitive atmosphere which the club espouses and it was a pleasure to see mixed teams of all ages playing together. We are just trying to generate a little more interest around the club.

“All in all, it was an undoubted success and a great day for the club. Many thanks to those who played, those who watched and, of course, our club sponsors for their support.”

STYLE

Slimmer Rhonda's dream makeover

Having lost nine stone – dropping from a dress size 30 to a 14 – Rhonda Walker from Burwell won a Ladies' Day makeover with Cambridge Magazine. Here she tells the story of how she went from flab to fab.

THIS time two years ago, I didn't want to leave the house, let alone have my photo taken for a magazine. I weighed more than 20st, wore a dress size 30 and my self-confidence was at an all-time low.

Then, 60 weeks ago, I went to my first Slimming World class and everything changed. I've lost nine stone and am in a size 14! I haven't been this size for more than 15 years.

I've been nominated for Woman of the Year and won Miss Slinky 2016 and Greatest Loser, which is amazing. That really spurs you on.

Seeing myself in the mirror in this dress, the hat, the heels – I still can't quite believe it. I was everyone's 'fat friend' for so long, I keep forgetting that's not me anymore.

I've loved the makeover experience, the makeup and the clothes! I was determined to find an outfit I could never have worn before, back when I could only shop in plus-size stores, and this dress really ticks that box: it's so tailored and so feminine.

I'd been big all my life, since I was a child, and I can't tell you why, really – other than that I made bad food choices . . . I lived with my nan and granddad for a while when I was growing up, and everything on your plate had to go before you could leave the table.

And so it went on throughout my life: if a cream cake came in a pack of two, it seemed a waste not to eat the second one!

Another weakness was fried food. My husband, Paul, is the world's fussiest eater, but he likes everything fried.

When Paul and I met, seven years ago now, I was a size 16 and felt comfortable with that.

But happiness did nothing for my waistline: 19 months later, when we got married, I was a size 24/26.

I tried every diet you can imagine. Needless to say, nothing worked.

A few things made me realise I had to do something.

One was being introduced to a friend of my husband's and feeling so embarrassed.

Paul is 6ft tall and muscly – he's head of security for a supermarket and also a nightclub bouncer – and I was 5ft 2in, a size 30 and looking far older than my years.

Also, I didn't want my daughter, Mili, who's 11, falling into all my bad habits: I wanted to set a good example for her. I was approaching my 30th birthday too, a bit of a milestone . . .

A friend of mine had lost weight, so I asked her how she'd done it – and she said Slimming World.

I decided I'd got nothing to lose, except the weight, so I went along to a group in Burwell, run by the wonderful Diane Whitehouse.

I lost 6.5lb in my first week, which was just amazing.

To start with, I was too self-conscious to help out.

As the weight started to come off, my confidence grew. I volunteer at both Diane's Burwell groups now and cheesy as it sounds, we're like a big family – all 100 of us.

My confidence still isn't brilliant, but it's definitely getting there. I work at a day centre – most of our clients are in their 80s and 90s – and I used to hate organising the activities; even with people I know really well, I didn't want to draw any attention to myself. Nowadays I'm the first to get everyone gathered round.

I'd tell anyone who's struggling with their weight 'Believe in yourself. You can do it'. I look back at old photos and barely recognise myself now – I'm like a whole new person.

NEW LOOK: Rhonda ready for Ladies' Day and, right, before her diet

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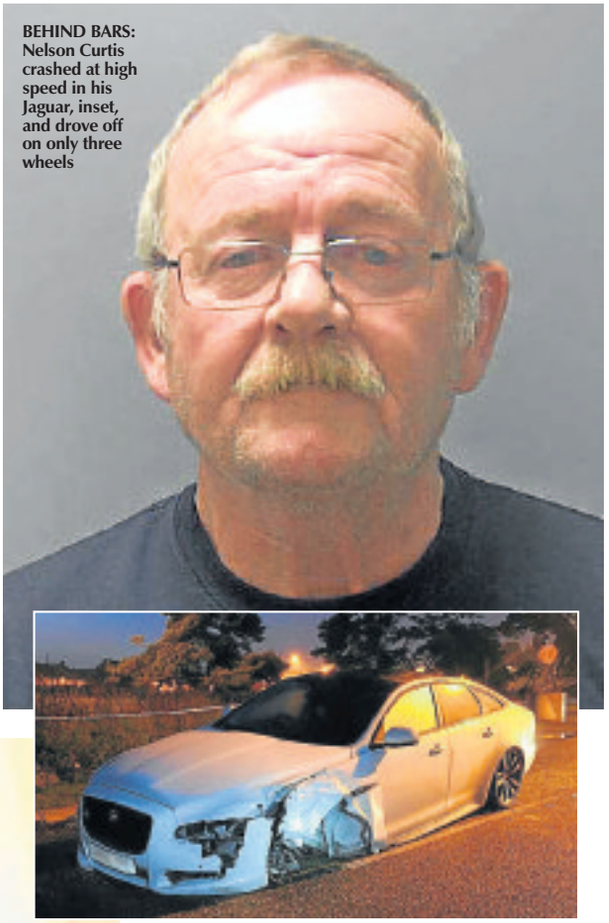

BEHIND BARS: Nelson Curtis crashed at high speed in his Jaguar, inset, and drove off on only three wheels

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A 64-YEAR-OLD drink-driver has been jailed for seven years after killing a 22-year-old woman from Cambridgeshire in a crash.

Nelson Curtis was driving his Jaguar car at 134mph on the A11 at Red Lodge, before crashing into Lauren Danks' car at around 104mph in November last year.

Curtis failed to stop after the collision, driving almost two miles with only three wheels on his car.

Chief Inspector David Giles said: "This collision which led to the death of a young woman was reckless almost beyond belief.

"To drive a car at such excessive speed, having consumed a large amount of alcohol, shows a total and utter disregard for everybody else on the road. Failure to stop and report the collision compounded the distress of those affected."

Appearing at Ipswich Crown Court, the 64-year-old, of High Street, Lakenheath, pleaded guilty to causing death by dangerous driving, failing to stop after a road traffic collision and failing to report a road traffic collision.

Police were called just after midnight on Friday, November 11, last year to reports that a vehicle had been found off the road on the A11 southbound.

Ms Danks, from Soham, was found inside the car, but she had died at the scene.

Police began a collision investigation and discovered a second vehicle – a Jaguar – had been involved. This vehicle was then traced and recovered by police.

Curtis was arrested later on in the morning on the day of the collision and taken into custody for questioning. He was subsequently charged with offences on May 6.

DIED AT THE SCENE: Lauren Danks, 22, was found inside her car on the A11 at Red Lodge after Curtis failed to stop

Curtis had drunk alcohol excessively before driving his Jaguar car at 134 mph on the A11.

At the point the collision occurred he was braking but still travelling at 104 mph, the court was told.

He initially denied all knowledge of the incident to police before later admitting he was involved.

Ch Insp Giles said: "I would like to thank the officers who attended the scene for their thorough investigation of the circumstances which ultimately led to Mr Curtis being charged with these offences.

"I also appreciate the assistance that Jaguar Land Rover UK gave with technical interpretation of the data recovered from Curtis' vehicle.

"Having suffered an unimaginable loss in such circumstances, I would also like to express my condolences and thanks to Lauren Danks' family who have been exceptionally supportive throughout the investigation."

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Seven-year sentence is 'not enough'

NEWS readers have reacted with shock and disgust at the "insulting" sentence for the drink-driver who killed Lauren Danks.

On Facebook readers have voiced their anger and dismay at the seven-year prison sentence Nelson Curtis was given, which they believe is too short.

Kelly Wilson wrote: "Shocking and disgusting that this girl's family lost their beautiful daughter to a dirty drunk and then to have to hear this insulting news of seven years. How the hell did he get seven years? I have no faith in the court system. Where is the justice here?"

Jay Palmer branded Curtis an "animal" and slammed the jail term as a "light sentence".

Writing on Facebook he said: "Banned for life and a life sentence. Animals that do this should have no light sentence. An innocent life lost because of this thing masquerading as a person. "

Overwhelmingly people said the sentence was not enough.

Tania Porter wrote: "Seven years?! Not long enough."

Jingo Parvis added: "Seven years is pitiful."

Chris Jordan wrote: "Disgraceful. The law needs to be changed immediately. The sentence should have been life at least."

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Prosecute killer drivers

IN an ideal world, when we leave home for work, school, leisure or pleasure, only a bolt of lightning should stop us returning.

Given the decision to prosecute former Chief Superintendent David Duckenfield with manslaughter over the Hillsborough disaster, the potential for manslaughter charges over the Grenfell Tower disaster, and terrorists using motor vehicles to kill, it's surely time for manslaughter charges to be brought against all drivers who kill vulnerable road users, where excessive speed, inappropriate speed, drink, drugs and mobile phones are a contributory factor.

Where drivers have been found guilty of causing death by the likes of careless driving, and even dangerous driving, it's often been said: "They didn't intend to kill."

Did anybody intend to kill the victims of Hillsborough and Grenfell Tower?

Since the Hillsborough disaster, among some 45,000 UK road deaths, more than 3,000 cyclists have been killed. And, according to police records, some 90 per cent are due solely to driver error.

Also, child pedestrian/cyclist casualties rose by 3 per cent last year. Why excuse driver error, and nobody else's?

Every so-called civilised person in the UK, if not the world, undoubtedly empathises with the victims and the bereaved of Hillsborough, Grenfell Tower and terrorist attacks.

However, when it comes to the innocent victims of lawless drivers, all too often UK juries empathise with the driver, and all too often bereaved parents and partners do not get justice.

Allan Ramsay
By email

Fears over the World Cup

WE have read of a tale of two cities, but sadly I can see a tale of two worlds. The world of sport and the world of reality.

In the summer of 2018 and, unless the football authorities open their eyes to the reality that has overcome them, the football World Cup will be played in Russia.

How did this come about?

A football committee now known to be corrupt as a result of an investigation, handed this competition to Russia for 2018 and even more surprising the 2022 competition to Qatar.

The England bid was a formidable one. To our surprise we lost out to Russia, and to even greater surprise Qatar won the 2022 bid without even having a stadium.

The main point about suitability seems to be overlooked as regards Russia.

What are their credentials?

They have annexed Crimea, waged a war against Ukraine killing many people, shot down an airliner bound for the Netherlands, joined forces with Assad in Syria with the destruction of the humanitarian relief convoy, poisoning one of their dissidents in our country and may well have influenced the American election.

In spite of all this the world of sport carries on without question. I remember a time when the sporting world had moral integrity and refused competition with South Africa.

That is all changed and we are glad that today South Africa is back in competition with us.

Belatedly, I understand the bidding process for 2018 and 2022 is being looked at.

When Russia was attacking Ukraine it was suggested we step up our sanctions against them, but the sanction that would really hurt Putin would be if the World Cup had been taken away from them.

I have no real dislike against Russian people, many of whom dislike Putin but have come under repression for expressing their points of view. But it seems that the World Cup will go ahead in Russia in spite of what they have and are doing in the world, as if the sporting world is different to the real world of wars being fought.

In 2018 Putin will have centre stage in our world.

George Ginn
Kings Parade
Soham

The horse comes first

THE British summer is notoriously unpredictable but I wanted to re-assure your readers that the one thing we can be certain of is the dedication of the 6,000 people who work behind the scenes every day of the year, ensuring the 14,000 racehorses in training in Britain at any one time receive first class care whatever the weather.

We have a duty of care to our horses and the British Horseracing Authority (BHA) demands the highest standards of horse welfare from all our licensed jockeys, trainers and racecourses.

We are very proud of the welfare standards in British racing. We work alongside charities such as The RSPCA and World Horse Welfare and with the operators of British racecourses to make them as safe as possible. In recent years racecourses have taken huge steps to further improve welfare standards.

As with all domesticated animals there are times when horses injure themselves and when that happens, British racehorses consistently receive the very best veterinary care available.

Sometimes, very sadly, the kindest and most humane thing to do is for horses to be put down when their injuries cannot be successfully treated. The sport is open and transparent about the risks involved and we work hard to minimise the risks. Over the last 20 years, the overall equine fatality rate in races taking place in Great Britain has fallen by one-third to just 0.2 per cent of runners.

All of the history, popularity and prestige of Britishracing would mean nothing if we did not care for our horses.

Racing provides a feast of sporting entertainment, a rich seam of wonderful tales of equine bravery and magnificence. That is only possible because all of us who work in British racing are committed to ensuring that above all else, the horse comes first.

Nick Rust
Chief Executive
British Horseracing Authority

VAT increase to boost the NHS

WITH reference the 1 per cent cap on public sector pay and the need for more money in the NHS.

It is clear that the public would like to see the government allocate more money to both these good causes but they say the money isn't available.

One way to raise the extra revenue would be to increase the standard rate of VAT.

Other European countries have a much higher rate than ours, for example: Italy 22 per cent , Ireland 23 per cent , Sweden, Denmark and Croatia 25 per cent – an average of 24 per cent. Hungary has a massive rate of 27 per cent.

The public wants an end to austerity. An increase in VAT would make funds available and everybody would pay.

Eric Lay
Appletrees
Bar Hill

A fairy tale of an island

ONCE upon a time there was a lovely little island. For many centuries, during the reigns of many kings and queens, folks north and south of the island, east and west, townspeople and their country neighbours, all got on generally well together and lived both peacefully and well.

One day, out of the blue, the wise people of the land decided they should all make a decision. It was a simple one, or at least it seemed to be at the time. They all had to decide whether to stay in or go out, but all had to do the same thing.

Excitedly, the people of the island all had their say one early summer's day and waited to find out what they would all be doing. The problem was it turned out to be not so easy after all.

Not only did almost half the people want to stay in, and just over half the people wanted to go out, there were also storms brewing over the lands across the seas from the island and that wasn't going to help either.

Faced with the dilemma of being in or out, the islanders turned to the wise, grey-haired lady who led the country. No, it wasn't their queen, it wasn't even somebody they had elected. On top of that, this wise lady had chosen to stay in, whereas more of the others wanted to go out. It was getting very complicated.

As all this was going on, the islanders worried the overseas storms would not be as soft as some were saying, but so hard that they wouldn't be able to go out at all. The islanders became very unsettled and started arguing amongst themselves. As they couldn't go out yet, they wrote to their newspapers complaining that those who wanted to stay in were stopping them from going out. Of course, those who were in and didn't want to go out started blaming those who wanted to take them out from not letting them stay in. It all got very silly, and did nobody any good at all.

Fortunately, the island will sort itself out one day, it always does. Whether they will all live happily ever, well, that is another matter. Next time the wise people of the island decide to make an all-for-one decision, let's hope they sort it all out a bit better, telling everybody how everything will work out…and in….and when it will happen.

Heaven forbid that they ever ask the islanders to vote 'up or down' rather than 'in or out'!

John Barnett
Oakington

Impact of EU on workers

WHAT was most interesting about Robert Boorman's letter, apart from another chapter from his life history ('Failure to train medics', *Letters*, June 24), was what he left out.

He made no effort to refute the claims that the NHS is close to breaking point.

The only conclusion we can draw from his silence that after years of denial he now concedes that the root cause of the problems the NHS faces is underfunding.

However he carries on smearing Labour by saying that they were responsible for the influx of overseas doctors and nurses.

That's not the whole truth as in the early 1960s the then Tory Health Minister encouraged doctors and nurses from abroad to come and work in the NHS.

Did I not mention his name? It was one Enoch Powell.

If this government was in the least bit interested in training up more home grown nurses then why did they scrap bursaries for student nurses?

What people need to understand is the vote to leave the EU will have a negative impact on EU recruitment levels and if the early indications is anything to go by the NHS could collapse through lack of qualified staff.

John Doland
Hanover Close
Bar Hill

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P Ward
By email

CORRIE MCKEAGUE SEARCH

Corrie's dad vows to expose the 'lies and deceit' about his son

CONVINCED: Corrie's father Martin McKeague

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THE father of missing RAF gunner Corrie Mckeague says he will one day expose "the lies and deceit" which have plagued his family since his son went missing.

Martin McKeague, 48, was speaking following his latest visit to the Milton landfill site, where police believe the remains of the 21-year-old lay amid thousands of tons of rubbish.

He remains convinced it is where the team of police volunteers, who have been working through all weathers for 17-weeks, will finally uncover his remains.

But in a statement on his Facebook page he admitted since his son went missing in Bury St Edmunds last September, he and his wife Trisha have seen "the very best and worst in people."

"You know something, it's true what they say: You find out a lot about people when tragedy strikes," he said. "And over the past nine horrific months Trisha and I have seen the very best in people and the absolute worst in people.

"But Trisha and I both know that when this is all over, when all of our combined efforts have finally brought Corrie home, the truth about everything that's happened here will all come out.

"I will not let my son's name continue to be tied to the lies and deceit that have accompanied this investigation in the mainstream and social media once this has come to an end."

For the father it has been a "living hell" waiting on news of the discovery of his son's final resting place , but he knows one day the full extent of his ordeal will be revealed.

Until then he can only hope his son's remains will be found, and with it the closure he and his family so desperately long for.

Mr McKeague continued: "Now we are only waiting for that moment to arrive, even as 5,350 tons of rubbish have now been dug and hoisted and raked through at the landfill site over the last 17 weeks.

"As last week's baking, broiling heat has turned into gale force rains that have altered the landfill's landscape into a slick and dangerous toil the ground is now an ankle-deep muddy trudge, where even the machinery is struggling to cope.

"Yet the teams continue to meet their 80 to 90 tons per day pace of "moving heaven and earth'" just as they met that higher figure on Wednesday during my 17th visit to the site.

"Do we think they are getting close to finding my son? The type of rubbish that's being found where they have now focused their efforts suggests they are. But I have no crystal ball. Only hope."

He continues to take comfort in the strength of the Suffolk and Norfolk Police volunteers, whom he describes as embodying the "best" of human nature.

But Mr McKeague admits he's also had to confront the "absolute worst in some people – the types of behaviour that would have been unimaginable to me in any other circumstances".

Speaking on social media he said: "Everyone involved has done everything in their power to try and find my son. There are simply too many names to thank.... We're completely humbled by it.

"They are the best of people. Just like all of you are.

"And anyone who questions that has simply not stood where Trisha and I have stood, spoken with the people who are making this incredible effort and seen first-hand what we have seen."

The search continues.

Everyone involved has done everything in their power to try and find my son

Martin McKeague

Mum's treasured photo of her son

PRIDE: Corrie pictured with his mum on the night before he joined the RAF

THE mother of missing airman Corrie McKeague has shared a picture of him the night before he started his career in the RAF.

Nicola Urquhart, 48, released the treasured photo of the pair smiling side by side nearly 40 weeks after the 23-year-old from Fife went missing on a night-out in Bury St Edmunds.

Police search teams who fear the RAF gunner was crushed by a rubbish disposal lorry have sifted through more than 4,430 tonnes of rubbish at a landfill site.

Posting the photo on Facebook, Nicola said: "This photo was taken for us, looking at it now reminds me of how it filled me with pride.

"It was the night before Corrie left to start his career in the RAF."

She said: "Corrie's family and friends spent the night together having such a good time, talking about how proud we were of him and all the things he could achieve.

"We spoke of fears too, but never in my lifetime did I or any of us close to him there that night did we ever imagine we would be here today."

Corrie was last seen walking in a shopping area called the "horseshoe" following a night-out in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

Detectives fear he was crushed by a rubbish disposal lorry after its movements were matched with his mobile phone signal.

Police have been searching for his remains at the tip in Milton, after the lorry's load of waste was found to have weighed more than it should have done.

They have so far found no trace of Corrie but confirmed they are now working in an area of the tip which contains waste from the weekend he went missing.

Meanwhile Corrie's girlfriend, April Oliver, revealed she had given birth to their baby girl.

She posted a picture of her cradling the newborn, named Ellie-Louise, on Father's Day.

Posting the new photo of Corrie to the 128,000 members of the Find Corrie Facebook site, Nicola said: "The search will continue next week and further if needed.

"Suffolk police will not stop searching the landfill until they are positive it has been done thoroughly. On this, they have my complete trust."

She said: "After a week of unbearable heat for those working outside they have now spent a week in atrocious conditions with officers having to wade through a meter of water, they have faced problems but have managed to overcome them and continue searching for Corrie."

Corrie moved down to Suffolk after being posted to RAF Honington where he worked as a gunner and team medic in the Royal Air Force.

Anyone with information about his disappearance is asked to call the incident room at Suffolk Police on (01473) 782019.

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Homeless couple 'will be moved' if they turn down offer of shelter

MOVED: Nick Rowley, 53, has been living rough with his girlfriend Donna on Newmarket High Street

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A HOMELESS couple living rough in Newmarket's High Street will be removed by police if they do not accept the shelter that the district council finds for them, according to the town's mayor.

Nick Rowley, 53, and his girlfriend, Donna, have been on the High Street since April – sitting and sleeping outside Greggs or the bike shelter behind Barclays.

Forest Heath District Council has offered shelter for the couple, but the pair are holding out for accommodation in Newmarket because they have family connections in the town.

Cllr Andy Drummond, however, says that while the council is "compassionate about their lives", their presence is ultimately not good for the High Street.

He said: "We're all very disappointed that it's taken so long to find them shelter. We started trying to help them when they appeared back in April.

"They don't particularly beg, they're nice people and are looked after and tolerated – but the reality is that everyone has the right to shelter. Nobody should be homeless."

Cllr Drummond said: "But also, if they don't accept the accommodation that is offered and they choose to stay there, then we can rely on the police to move them on.

"We're compassionate about their lives but the reality is that it's not good for the High Street to have homeless people dossing in the doorways.

"It's not nice for the public and shops."

The couple have been homeless for more than a year.

Nick worked in construction before his ex-partner died, which sent him on a downward spiral as he struggled to find work and pay for hostel accommodation.

Donna used to work as a taxi driver – but did not want to disclose her past for fear of being identified by her family's neighbours. She does not want to embarrass her parents.

The pair are understood to have lived in and around Newmarket for most of their lives.

"I want to stay in Newmarket," said Nick. "It's where my family are living. Why would I want to leave?"

The couple are two of three homeless people living on the High Street.

Rough sleepers are 'tip of the iceberg', says council

ROUGH sleepers on the streets are the "tip of the iceberg", says West Suffolk Council after it dealt with 141 homeless applications in the last six months.

The news emerged in the wake of the story about homeless couple Nick Rowley and his girlfriend Donna, who have been sleeping on Newmarket's High Street since April.

Forest Heath District Council has offered shelter for the couple, but the pair are holding out for accommodation in Newmarket because they have family connections in the town.

The town's mayor Andy Drummond said that, while the authority was "compassionate about their lives", their presence was ultimately "not good for the High Street".

He told the *News* that if the couple didn't accept the accommodation they had been offered, the police would move them on.

Cllr Robin Millar, Suffolk county councillor and Forest Heath District Council cabinet member for families and communities, said: "Our main aim is to prevent people from becoming homeless in the first place. Newmarket, like many parts of the country, has seen an increase in homelessness in recent years."

Cllr Millar said West Suffolk's housing team had assessed 141 homeless applications in the last six months, of which 100 were accepted as homeless.

"The numbers of rough sleepers we see on our streets are the tip of the iceberg. Some of this homelessness isn't always visible with people sleeping in cars or on friends' sofas while they try to get back on their feet," he said.

Cllr Sara Mildmay-White, West Suffolk Council's cabinet member for housing, said: "We work with a host of partners including social services, mental health providers, drug and alcohol rehabilitation services, the NHS and the voluntary sector as this is not an issue that we can fix in isolation.

"We try to address the underlying causes in people's circumstances and behaviour that may lead to them becoming homeless and possibly sleeping out on the streets."

Cllr Mildmay-White said the council was already looking ahead to winter and the need for emergency accommodation.

"We need landlords to help us to provide accommodation for families," she said.

She added: "We recognise that homelessness is a growing problem and needs more resource which is why we are adding more staff to our housing team so that we can do even more to prevent and deal with homelessness.

"We now employ a rough sleepers prevention and support worker to try to identify and work with people living on the streets and encourage them to engage with the help that is available."

She said residents should report instances of rough sleeping via *www.streetlink.org.uk*.

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COURT

VICTIM: Simon Dobbin

'No coincidence Southend fans chose that pub'

THE jury in the trial of a group of men accused of an attack on Cambridge United fan Simon Dobbin heard "it was no coincidence" the pub in which they were drinking was "next to where opposition fans usually return".

Thirteen men are on trial after the "unprovoked" ambush left Mr Dobbin, from Mildenhall, with permanent brain damage.

The attack took place after a match at Southend on March 21, 2015, in East Street, close to Southend United's Roots Hall ground.

Mr Dobbin was part of a small group of U's fans who were attacked after a goalless draw against Southend United.

The attack left Mr Dobbin, 44, in hospital for almost a year and he is now unable to walk or talk.

The jury at Basildon Crown Court heard Andrew Jackson, prosecuting, deliver his closing speech as he started to talk through the evidence against the defendants.

He said: "All of them congregated in the Railway Tavern. Why there? It is no coincidence that the Railway Tavern was right next to where opposition fans usually return, and the pub where Ian Young was living.

"Petchey and McGill were aware that a large number of Cambridge fans had been bussed away, so they knew they had to find more Cambridge fans. So, it is no coincidence there was a trip to the Blue Boar pub where away fans could be found.

"It is no coincidence Petchey and McGill were the first two to go into the Blue Boar.

"Their aim was simple: to identify and flush out any remaining Cambridge fans."

Mr Jackson said the defendants did not have "the guts to go into that witness box and tell you why they are innocent" and instead "tried to hide behind a wall of silence".

During the speech, Mr Jackson suggested that one of the defendants, Greg Allen, was given the nickname "Monster" due to his violent behaviour.

He then encouraged the jurors to look at the witness statement given by William East, who was walking next to Mr Dobbin at the time, as that account "is the closest to an account Mr Dobbin could have made".

The case continues..

THE CHARGES

TWELVE men are charged with violent disorder:
Lewis Courtnell, 33, a fence installer, of Stadium Road, Southend;
Michael Shawyer, 30, a tiler, of Belgrave Road, Leigh-on-Sea;
Matthew Petchey, 24, a labourer, of Lascelles Gardens, Rochford;
Alexander Woods, 24, of Fairmead Avenue, Westcliff;
Philip McGill, 31, an electrician, of Hornby Avenue, Westcliff;
Thomas Randall, 21, a consumer credit employee, of Seaforth Avenue, Southend;
Greg Allen, 28, a painter, of Wellington Avenue, Westcliff;
James Woods, 24, a chef, of Fairmead Avenue, Westcliff;
Scott Nicholls, 40, a construction worker, of Little Spenders, Basildon;
Ryan Carter, 20, unemployed, of York Road, Southend;
Jamie Chambers, 22, unemployed, of Coleman Street, Southend;
Rhys Pullen, 21, of Bridge Road, Wickford.

Pullen admits violent disorder and the other 11 defendants have pleaded not guilty.

The prosecution says a 13th defendant, **Ian Young**, 41, of Brightwell Avenue, Westcliff, remained inside the Railway Tavern at the time of the attack. He denies assisting a criminal offender by hiding them while police were conducting a search.

All 13 defendants deny conspiracy to commit violent disorder.

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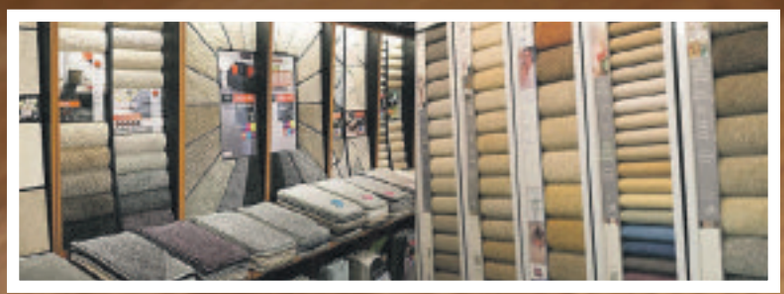

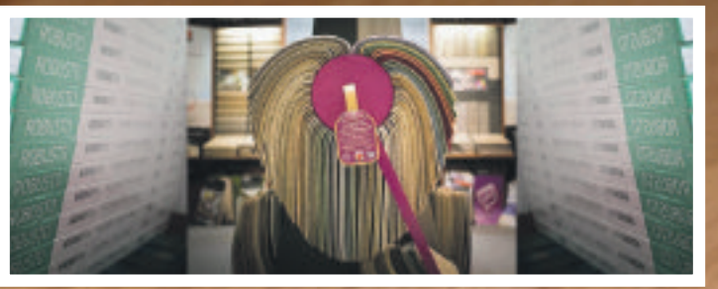

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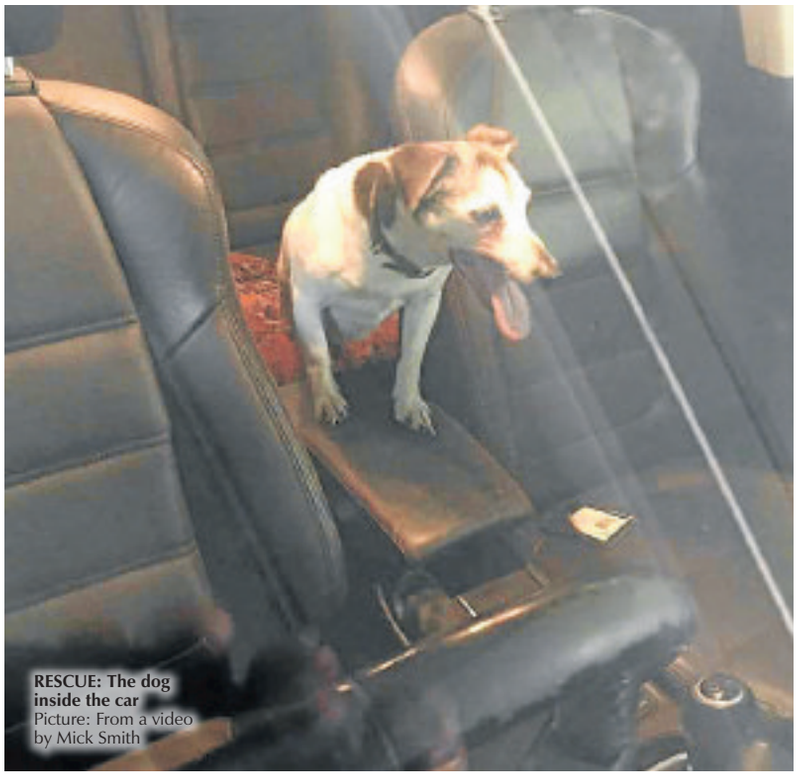
Backlash over dog in hot car



RESCUE: The dog inside the car
Picture: From a video by Mick Smith

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A PET owner shown in a distressing video has been slammed by *News* readers after he left his dog locked in a hot car.

The video shows a policeman smashing the owner's car window to save the 'breathless' dog during a day which reached temperatures of 30 degrees.

The owner had been gone for more than an hour and said in the footage that his dog was "very fragile" – which has sparked anger towards the man.

Responding to the *News*' post on Facebook, Talisha Lyons said: "People like this should be banned from owning a pet forever!"

She added: "It annoys me when people take their dog for a walk during the hottest hours of the day, go out early in the morning, then late evening, so the poor dogs don't burn their feet on the pavement.

"If you burn your hand on the pavement, then your dog's feet will have the same problem, it's common sense!"

Vicky Cee said: "The dog owner should be sent to a vets where they can explain in detail how quickly a dog can be literally boiled alive in a hot car! He wasn't even sorry."

Elena Tchougounova-Paulson said: "The owner should be charged with animal cruelty! That poor creature nearly died because of neglect! And he seems to be in denial! Shocking."

Kirsty-Beth Christie said: "So glad the police did something quickly. If that was a child, the man would be arrested for neglect and the child taken away. I hope the same happens in this case."

Sara Dunn said: "People should get seriously fined for their lack of common sense."

The incident happened at the Guineas Shopping Centre in Newmarket on the last day of the heatwave that hit the country.

Mick Smith, founder of Newmarket's Neighbourhood Watch team, said: "I was in the council offices when someone came in panicking because there was a dog locked in a car with no windows open.

"The heat was unbearable out in the open anyway. So I rushed to help the people that were there and was going to smash the window myself as the dog was unsteady on its feet and gasping for air.

"The police did arrive very quickly and were very quick to take action when they saw the dog."

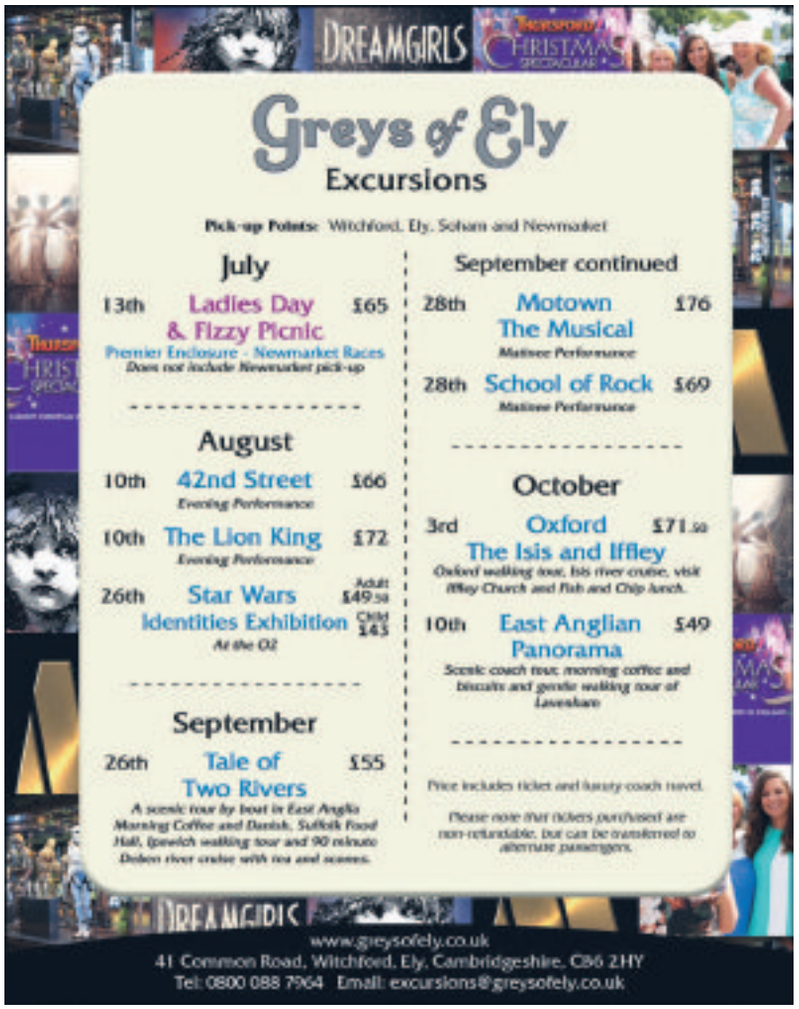
A spokeswoman from Suffolk Police said: "We received a call from a member of the public saying there was a vehicle parked at the ground floor level of the multi-storey car park with a small dog on its own inside.

"All the windows were shut, the vehicle was locked and there was no water inside for it, so temperatures were getting close to 30 degrees.

"The dog had been in the car for some time and its appearance caused members of the public to be distressed, so we did a number of checks to see if we could find the owner.

"And we smashed a single window to get the dog out of the car."

As temperatures soared the RSPCA received 724 calls in just five days from people concerned about dogs suffering in the heat.



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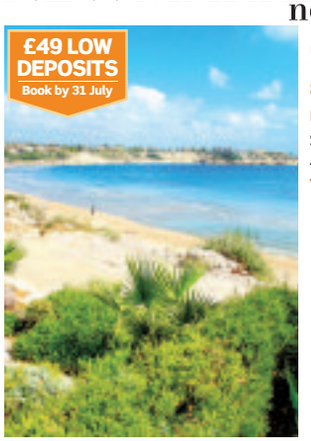

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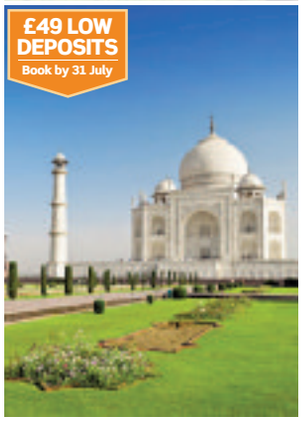

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COMMUNITY

News backs organ donation campaign

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THE *News* is backing a *Daily Mirror* campaign to change the law so people must opt out of donating their organs rather than opt in.

The national newspaper launched its campaign yesterday, which would see organ donation laws in England and Northern Ireland brought into line with the rest of the UK.

Doctors believe the change in the law could result in thousands of lives being saved.

The Welsh government passed legislation that came into force in 2015, which made "presumed consent" for organ donation the norm.

The Scottish government announced its intention to introduce a similar system.

The *Mirror* started an e-petition to help patients such as nine-year-old Max Johnson, who needs a heart transplant after a mechanical pump was temporarily fitted inside his chest to keep him alive.

Max's parents Emma and Paul are waiting for a donor to give their son the transplant he needs to survive.

John Forsythe is medical director for organ donation at NHS Blood and Transplant.

He said: "We really hope Max receives a transplant soon, and we thank Emma and Paul for urging people to join the NHS Organ Donor Register.

"On the day the *Mirror* featured Max's story, more people joined the NHS Organ Donor Register online than on any other day during June.

"Across the UK, there are about 6,400 people in need of an organ transplant, including Max. Organ donation saves lives, and it only takes two minutes to join the NHS Organ Donor Register. Please also talk to your family about your choice."

Yesterday, Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn provided his support, telling the *Mirror* he "wholeheartedly" backed the campaign.

He said:"Every day people are dying or suffering pain and stress while waiting for life-saving transplants.

"The delay and shortage of donors could be dramatically altered if we made this simple, but significant, change to the way people are registered as donors."

The system in Wales is known as a 'soft opt-out', meaning you are not forced to donate your organs.

If someone says nothing about whether they are willing or not to donate, their consent is presumed.

However, if someone does not want to be a donor, they can opt out.

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CRIME

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Police would like to speak to the man pictured in this CCTV image in connection with the theft of a lightbar from an emergency vehicle

Lightbar theft has 'caused a risk' to public

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POLICE are appealing for information after a "lightbar" was stolen from an emergency response vehicle in Newmarket.

Officers have released CCTV pictures of a person they would like to speak to in connection with the theft.

A secure unit was broken into at Smarter Metering Service (SMS) – a company which responds to large-scale gas emergencies – in Depot Road at some time after 11pm on Friday, June 16.

Tom Ward, managing director of SMS, said the theft had placed members of the public at "unnecessary risk" after one of only three vehicles was put out of action for four days.

"It was parked up at 6pm last Friday after returning from London, having completed a number of surveys on high rise buildings in light of the recent tragic fire in London," he said.

"We were called out in the morning to an emergency in Stevenage, when the driver noticed that the vehicle had sustained damage and theft overnight.

"The vehicle was then unable to respond, resulting in a delay to consumers.

"The damage and theft has cost in excess of £1,000 and resulted in the vehicle being off the road for four days.

"We are a small local-run business. This kind of damage is unnecessary and affects not only us but the business we support as well as placing members of the public at unnecessary risk."

The vehicle also carries emergency gas-seeking equipment and isolation equipment, as well as hot plate and heaters for vulnerable people.

A spokeswoman for Suffolk Police said: "Police are appealing for information after an incident of theft from a vehicle in Newmarket.

"A secure unit was broken into at a commercial premises in Depot Road at some point after 11pm on Friday, June 16, and a lightbar was stolen from the roof of a recovery vehicle.

"Anyone with information is asked to contact the Incident and Crime Management Hub at Suffolk Police on 101 quoting reference 42747/17."

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In addition to staple attractions including the exhilarating funfair and the mouth-watering food stalls and bars, this year's cycling theme means that there will be a velodrome ready for carnival goers to experience for themselves. But even if you don't want to hop on your bike, there are still tons of great activities that you'll definitely want to take part in.

Younger attendees will definitely want to take part in the pony rides, get their face painted and then jump around the enormous bouncy castle to let off some steam. The whole family will enjoy getting together to experience some live music performances that will make you feel like you've been transported to Glastonbury- but without the puddles of mud!

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female seeking

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ANGELA seeking a male, 65-70 and above, free minded and free spirited, likes eating in and out, travelling and going to the theatre. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427701**

KATIE 35yrs, slender well educated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasure with gent 40+ Must be discreet, married or single. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3000 Box 419673**

GENUINE Cambridgeshire lady, 73, blonde, 5ft2, caring, active, enjoys country walks, gardening, eating out and cinema, seeking genuine, caring gentleman to share the same interests. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 421989**

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. **Tel: No: 0906 515 3008 Box: 409715**

JASMINE, Petite Black lady 51yrs, varied interests. Seeking white man for relationship. Looks unimportant. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427657**

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. **Tel: 0906 515 3016 Box: 413399**

MATURE lady, slim and youthful, divorcee, loves laughter, life and everything. WLTM gent for continued fun and passion. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427655**

EMILY, mature well educated lady, blonde and smart and broadminded seeks gent any age for no strings fun. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3020 Box 421375**

CATHY, 54yr old widow, I'm kind and warm hearted and hoping you will call me. Looks unimportant must have GSOH. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427653**

TAMIKA, mature black beauty, hourglass figure and open minded. Pls call if you are discreet, broad minded and nice. I can travel and accommodate. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3004 Box 422365**

JANE, attractive 50 something lady. I love to cook and care for my man. Is that you? ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427651**

SAMANTHA, 35yrs, attractive brunette with own business, seeks adventurous gent for casual relationship. **Tel: 0906 515 3032 Box 425979**

SONIA, mature lady, pretty and feminine with fair hair. Loves to socialise, walking, car boot sales and more. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427647**

JANE 55yrs romantic homely lady, hoping to meet a man for outings, to cook and care for. You won't be sorry if you call. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427645**

HARRIETT 42yrs, blue eyed brunette with long lets and decent curves! Looking for a cheeky adventurous man for fun only. I live alone so can accommodate and can travel. Discretion assured. ACA. Give me a try. **Tel: 0906 515 3028 Box 426205**

CARMEL, open minded naughty lady seeks a broad minded strict man to unleash her wilder side. Age/looks unimportant but no time wasters please. **Tel: 0906 515 3040 Box 426851**

HELLO I'm 47yrs old, I'm a curvy brunette, varied interests with GSOH, hard working and solvent. WLTM gent taller than me, 5ft3. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427639**

CAROLINE, 42yrs, well educated, sophisticated "some call me posh" married lady, looking for no strings midweek liaisons. **Tel: 0906 515 3024 Box 427533**

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PIA, Asian lady, 57yrs, very caring and a little subservient and quiet. I am a good cook and loyal friend. Pls text me if you are kind man 55+ **Text Only. Mailbox 4013378**

PAMELA early 70s with softly rounded body! If you are a tender male with passion then call or text me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427635**

NATALIA, black beauty! I am late 50s but still fit with a good figure and lovely skin and eyes. I would like to meet a nice white gentleman, older than myself for chats, maybe more. **Text Only. Mailbox 4107799**

HELLO I am a black lady, 60yrs young with a great personality and lovely looks. Call if you are looking to meet someone like me, or text me. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427585**

JULIE, 68yrs but very fit and young looking. Married to an older gent so hoping to meet someone much much younger. Text Me. **Text Only: 4193435**

DEBBIE, young looking 49yrs, pretty brunette lady with lots to offer. If you are interested in a meeting a lady like me then please call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427611**

MICHELLE, 28yrs blue eyed blonde with busty figure. I'm very mature for my age and hope to meet a man to care for. I'm willing to please. Call or text me and I will get straight back to you. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427649**

FELICITY, "my friends call me posh" I'm not really. Call me to see. I'm 58yrs, curvy, blonde extensions and very good for my age. ACA. **Text Only. Box: 4043583**

KAREN, late 50's seeking discreet gent any age/area for daytime meetings. **Text Only. Box: 4194757**

MICHELLE, divorced, 5ft10, blonde hair, blue eyes, autistic, likes the movies, DVDs, walking my dog, WLTM someone dark and mysterious who likes reading, playing games, cards. So hope to hear from you. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427325**

JANET, late 40's divorcee, own home and car looking to spice up my life with some fun. Discreet men only please, I'm not ready for a full on relationship, casual chats. **Text Only. Box: 4189331**

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male seeking

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WIDOWER 49, 5ft 9ins, blonde/grey, medium build, looking for fun times with unhappy female, n/s/, any age/status, discretion assured. **Text only. Mailbox: 5784314**

GOOD looking athletic male, 30s, with brown hair/blue eyes seeks woman for fun times. **Text only. Mailbox: 5792232**

DAVID, 70s, n/s, medium height/build, young at heart, kind and caring, seeks lady with time to share life's pleasures. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 425033**

MALE looking for a lady 40-60 yrs old who enjoys meals out and in, and snuggle up indoors with a bottle of wine. **Text only. Mailbox: 5444500**

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HELLO, I'm 58yrs and called Marie. I'm tall and seeking a man who likes to look at me. I am Black and very sensual. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427475**

JANE, mature blonde lady, loves jokes, countryside, driving, cosy nights in. I'm solvent and seek a gent 70+. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427473**

TRUDY, 70 something lady seeks gent. I'm broadminded and will respond to all calls. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 427471**

LADY early 60s, looking for man for occasional good times. **Text only. Mailbox: 5799908**

MALE 62, 5' 11, med build, out going would like to meet female to go walking. Must like dogs. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 5561333**

MALE, 72, smart, fit, enjoys life, country walks and the coast, pub lunches, fun to be with, seeks similar female, Cambridge/Suffolk/Norfolk areas preferred. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 422995**

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FOOD & DRINK

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KING SCALLOPS PROVENCALE (SERVES 4)

INGREDIENTS

For the courgettes:
2 courgettes, halved lengthways
Olive oil

For the tomato fondue:
150ml extra virgin olive oil
3 garlic cloves, peeled and finely sliced
Sprig of rosemary, leaves picked and finely chopped
750g baby plum tomatoes, quartered

For the breadcrumbs:
2tbsp olive oil
80g fresh or dried breadcrumbs
1 garlic clove, crushed
Small bunch parsley, finely chopped
1 sprig each of thyme and rosemary, leaves picked and finely chopped

For the sautéed potatoes:
500g new potatoes, boiled and halved lengthways
50g unsalted butter
Small handful of parsley, roughly chopped
1 shallot, finely diced
2 cloves of garlic, crushed

For the scallops:
50g unsalted butter
16 scallops, cleaned and roe removed
½ lemon

To serve:
8 padrón peppers
Fresh basil and tarragon, leaves picked

METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C. Score the flesh of the courgettes in a criss-cross pattern and drizzle liberally with olive oil. Season with salt and pepper and place flesh-side up on a baking tray. Roast for 15-20 minutes or until tender and starting to brown.
2. To make the fondue, heat a couple of tablespoons of the oil in a heavy bottomed pan and sweat the garlic and rosemary on a low heat for two minutes without colouring.
3. Add the tomatoes, the rest of the oil and a pinch of salt, turn the heat up and bring to a boil. Simmer for 10 minutes with the lid on.
4. Meanwhile, make the breadcrumbs. Heat the oil in a small frying pan and add all of the breadcrumb ingredients, along with a generous pinch of salt. Cook, stirring, for two to three minutes until crisp. Transfer to a small bowl and set aside.
5. The tomatoes should have released their liquid now and broken down. Taste and adjust the seasoning if necessary and set aside, with the lid on, to keep warm.
6. To sauté the potatoes, melt the butter in a large sauté pan over a medium heat, add the potatoes and fry until golden brown (you may have to do this in batches). Tip into a bowl, straining off any excess butter, mix in the parsley, shallot and garlic and season to taste with salt and pepper.
7. While the potatoes are frying, heat another non-stick frying pan on a medium heat, add 1tbsp of olive oil and cook the padrón peppers until blistered. Remove from the heat and set aside.
8. Using the same pan you just cooked the peppers in, melt the butter for the scallops over a medium-high heat. When the butter is foaming, add the scallops and fry on each side for two to three minutes, or until caramelized and just cooked through. Season with salt and lemon juice.
9. To serve, spoon the tomato fondue in the middle of each plate, followed by a courgette half. Top each with four scallops and sprinkle over the breadcrumbs. Arrange the potatoes and peppers on the side and decorate with the basil and tarragon leaves.

Two decades on, everybody **still** loves Raymond...

Top chef Raymond Blanc's French restaurant chain Brasserie Blanc is celebrating 21 years in the business. **MARION McMULLEN** checks out the menu of anniversary specials

Raymond Blanc, whose Brasserie Blanc restaurant chain is marking its 21st anniversary

IT WAS back in 1986 that Frenchman Raymond Blanc opened his first brasserie in the UK. The dream was to make the best of French cuisine affordable to all and now the restaurants can be found all over the country.

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He says: "I am very much looking forward to raising a glass or two for the next 21 years."

■ Go to brasserieblanc.com for more information about the anniversary menu.

RAISE A GLASS

WITH **JANE CLARE**

IF YOU'RE new to this corner of your daily read I thought I'd set down the parameters before you go any further. In just over 500 words I bring you five drinks. It might be a small space but I bring you value. To start, here are a white, a red and a pink.

■ **A white:** I nipped into Tesco and looked for a simple bottle of white after a very complicated day which had lots of "blimeys" in it. I walked out with **Tesco Finest Cotes De Gascogne (£6.50, 11% abv)** because I saw the grapes colombard and gros manseng on the front and I know they create fresh but perfumed white wines. It has aromas of lime and grapefruit and those fruits are reflected in the zippy zing flavours.

■ **A red:** Well this is a cheap and cheery little thing. **Barefoot Wine's Shiraz Cabernet (RRP £6.99, widely available 13.5% abv)** provides jammy blackberries which flow over the rim of the glass (aromas that is, not the real thing or that would be silly) and they're there in the mouth too along with a fleck of spice. I cooked cottage pie on a wet summer's night and my wine and my pie were a couple of High Five pals.

■ **A pink:** Mrs Wigley is flirty and flighty. Mrs Wigley is **Wirra Wirra Mrs Wigley Moscato 2016 (RRP £11.75 Ocado, 50cl, 4.5% abv)**. This Australian lady (well, she's actually a cat in the winery) is so refreshing you could pop her on a stick and be happy with her as an ice lolly. She is made from grapey, floral, sweet moscato and unusually you flip a cap top (like beer) to pour this delicious sweet sparkling nectar. Chill it really well then pour as a sunshine refresher.

■ **Also in my glass...** This time last year I shared news of a new gin, Spitfire Heritage Gin, in an exclusive "look out for this" kind of way just before it went on sale in Wine Rack. I mention it again because two things have happened.

Number 1 Thing: Spitfire's distillers have now brought out a new vodka – **Supermarine Vodka (RRP £45, spitfireheritage distillers.com)** which is named after the company that created the Spitfire. The vodka – which is the base of the gin before the botanicals are added – is getting rave reviews. My exclusive tasting revealed a vodka which is soft, lusciously creamy, rich, balanced and laced with vanilla. I sipped on its own with chunks of ice. You don't need anything else.

Number 2 Thing: **Spitfire Heritage Gin (RRP £45 from Wine Rack – and now Harrods)** supports the Spitfire Heritage Trust and I was invited to a cross-country Armed Forces Day toast as tribute to our servicemen and women.

The toast began at the 36th floor of the Panoramic restaurant in Liverpool, then rolled down to Marco Pierre White's Steakhouse and Bar in Birmingham and was topped off at the Coca Cola London Eye.

Across the country people raised a glass of Spitfire gin and we were lucky enough to enjoy a gin cocktail (or two). The gin uses botanicals as tribute to wartime pilots; borage (for courage), rosemary (for remembrance), English rose petals (for the flowers of Britain who flew so bravely) and blood orange.

■ You can email me at jane@onefootinthegrapes.co.uk

SALAD DAYS

CHICKEN AND GREEN PAPAYA SALAD (SERVES 4)

INGREDIENTS
For the dressing: Juice 4 limes; 4tbsp sesame oil; Pinch of brown sugar; Splash of fish sauce; 2 red chillis, deseeded and finely chopped
For the salad: 1 bag mixed salad leaves; 1 cucumber, cut into ribbons using a vegetable peeler; 1 green papaya, cut into matchsticks, seeds removed (or 1 ripe mango, sliced thinly); 1 small red onion, finely diced; 6 spring onions, sliced diagonally; Bunch each of fresh thai basil, coriander and mint, leaves picked; Handful of cashews, toasted in a dry frying pan, roughly chopped; 4 free range chicken breasts; 1tbsp olive oil

METHOD
1. To make the dressing, mix all the ingredients together and stir well to dissolve the sugar. In a large bowl, mix all the salad ingredients except the nuts. Toss with the dressing and set aside.
2. Using a meat tenderiser, saucepan or a rolling pin, bash each chicken breast between two pieces of cling film until about 1.5cm thick all over. Season with salt.
3. Heat the oil in a large frying pan over a medium to high heat. Place the chicken breasts in the pan and fry for about four minutes on each side or until cooked through.
4. Put one piece of chicken on each plate and carefully build the salad on top.
5. Sprinkle over the chopped cashews and decorate with extra coriander leaves.

FINE TART

RHUBARB AND RASPBERRY FRANGIPANE TART (SERVES 6)

INGREDIENTS
For the rhubarb compote:
400g rhubarb, cut into 3cm lengths
100g caster sugar
For the pastry:
200g unsalted butter, softened
100g icing sugar
2 egg yolks
250g plain flour
Pinch of salt
For the tart filling:
100g unsalted butter, at room temperature
100g icing sugar
2 eggs, lightly beaten
100g ground almonds
1tsp rum (optional)
For the crème Chantilly:
284ml carton double cream
1tbsp caster sugar
Seeds from 1 vanilla pod

METHOD
1. To make the compote, mix the rhubarb with the sugar and leave to marinade in a single layer in an ovenproof dish while you make the pastry.
2. Place the softened butter and sugar in the bowl of a food processor and pulse until fully combined. Add the egg yolks and pulse again until fully incorporated. Add the flour and salt and pulse quickly until all the flour has been incorporated into the butter, sugar and yolk mixture and it has a uniform colour and texture. Remove from the food processor and bring the pastry together with your hands. Cover with cling film and chill for at least 30 mins before using.
3. Roll out the pastry on a surface lightly dusted with flour so that it is about 5mm thick and arrange the tart tins on top. Cut out the pastry a little larger than the tins (you may need to re-roll the trimmings to make the sixth tart case) then press the pastry into the tins and up the sides, trimming the top a little above the edge. Prick the bases with a fork and chill until cold and firm.
4. Meanwhile, preheat the oven to 140°C. Cover the dish of rhubarb with foil and bake for 14 minutes. To cook the pastry, turn the oven up to 190°C. Line the tart cases with baking paper and fill with baking beans, pasta or rice. Bake for 10 minutes, or until there are no under-cooked grey patches, and remove the paper and beans. Return the empty tart shells to the oven for five to six minutes until the pastry is dry and sandy to the touch but not coloured.
5. Leave the tart cases to cool for a minute, then release them from the tins while they are still warm (or they will stick as they cool down), being very gentle as they are delicate. Transfer to a wire rack and leave to cool completely.
6. Next, make the filling. Beat the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy and then gradually beat in the eggs. Stir in ground almonds and rum (if using) until smooth.
7. Turn the oven down to 175°C. Divide the filling mixture between the tart cases and place a bit of rhubarb compote in the middle of each tart. Arrange raspberries around it. Return the tarts to the oven for another 15-20 minutes or until golden. While the tarts are cooking, make the Chantilly cream by whipping all the ingredients together to soft peaks.
8. To serve, place a tart in the middle of each plate and spoon the remaining rhubarb compote around it. Dust with icing sugar and place a spoonful of Chantilly cream on top of each tart.

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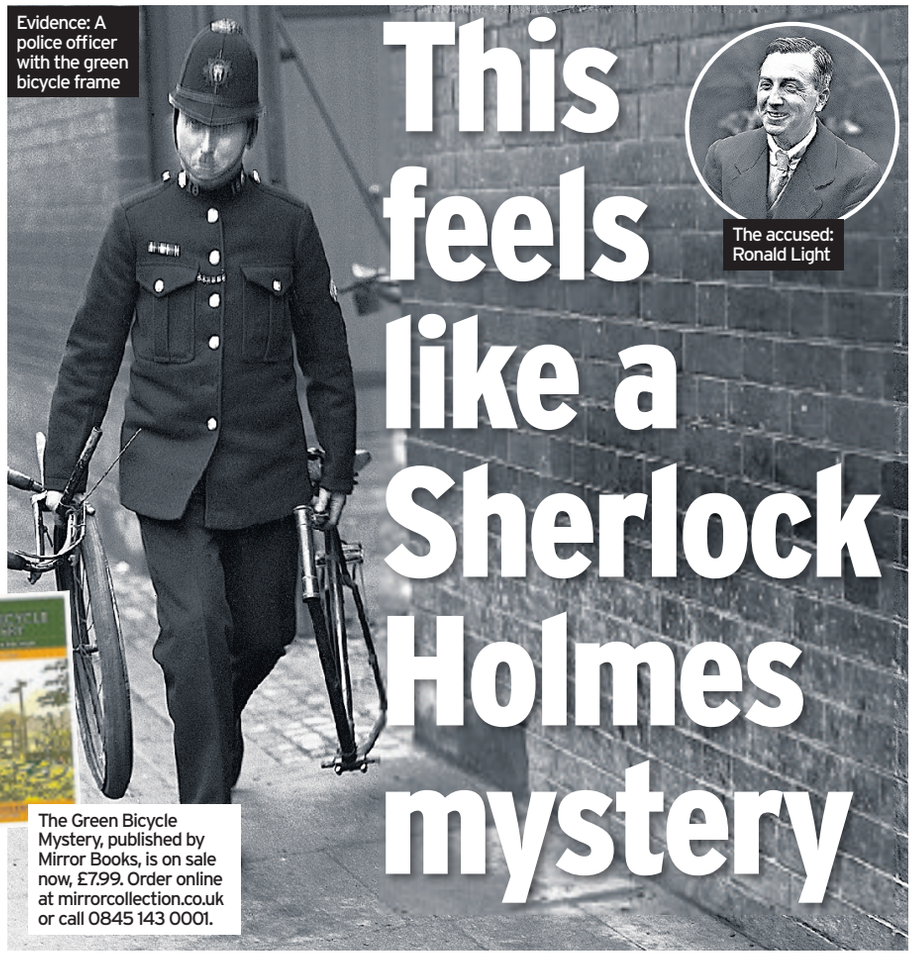
This feels like a Sherlock Holmes mystery

A new book aims to shed light on a young woman's unsolved murder. **WARREN MANGER** reports



Evidence: A police officer with the green bicycle frame

The accused: Ronald Light

THE water glints like bottle-green glass as dragonflies dance across the surface, but it hides a deadly secret. This quiet stretch of the Grand Union Canal could hold the key to cracking a case that has mystified police and historians for nearly a century.

Annie Bella Wright, Bella to her friends, was found dead in a lonely lane outside Leicester on July 5, 1919.

The 21-year-old factory worker had been shot in the head, leaving a bullet hole below her left eye.

Beside her lay the bicycle she was riding when she left her uncle's house in the village of Gaulby, seven miles east of Leicester, shortly before 9pm.

A trail of bloody bird tracks led from Bella's body to a nearby gate. In the meadow beyond, a crow lay dead and the long grass was freshly flattened into a path leading to the distant cornfields. Author Antony Brown, whose new book The Green Bicycle Mystery analyses the different theories about the case, says: "It feels like a Sherlock Holmes mystery. You could almost imagine him standing at the crime scene examining the evidence as the last of the evening light faded.

"It's a very puzzling case. Deaths like this can cast a shadow over a family for generations, so I wanted to try to find out what happened to her so there was finally some closure."

The bullet, just a few feet from Bella's head, was only found the next day. With no scientific evidence to call upon back then, local bobby Alfred Hall and colleagues had to construct a case by tracing the victim's last known movements on the day she died.

Bella, who worked at a local tyre factory covering the shortage of men due to the First World War, rose late after the evening shift.

She finished writing a letter to her boyfriend Archie Ward – stationed aboard HMS Diadem in Portsmouth, waiting to be demobbed – said goodbye to her mother and rode to the post office.

Meeting the postmistress en route, she handed over the letter then made for her uncle's house. Bella picked up an unlikely travelling companion, a small, unshaven man with a squeaky voice. He showed up again as she was leaving and offered to accompany her.

Bella insisted he was a stranger she had met on the road, but relatives suspected otherwise. Her uncle George Measures claimed the man used Bella's name and her cousin Agnes said they seemed familiar.

The Green Bicycle Mystery, published by Mirror Books, is on sale now, £7.99. Order online at mirrorcollection.co.uk or call 0845 143 0001.

The family were able to give police one more vital detail. The man rode a distinctive pea-green bicycle.

Seven months later, the frame of an identical bike was found in the canal in Leicester. The identification number was filed off, but an expert reconstructed it and traced it to a shopkeeper in Derby, who said he sold the bike to former soldier Ronald Light, 34, sent home from the front line with hearing loss and shell shock.

Light denied owning a green bike, then backtracked, insisting he sold it to an anonymous buyer.

Victim: Annie Bella Wright

Canal dredgers found a brown leather army holster. There was no revolver inside, but it was filled with the same .455 calibre bullets as the one found near Bella.

Light was charged with murder. At trial the prosecution claimed she rejected his advances and tried to get away, but he caught up. In a fit of rage he allegedly knocked Bella to the ground, pulled out his service revolver and shot her. If the bullet was fired down into the road, that explained why it was found close by, the prosecution claimed.

When Light took the stand he admitted owning the bicycle, meeting Bella on the road and even throwing the holster into the River Soar as he feared being accused by the police. But he denied killing Bella.

Light was acquitted in June 1920 after his defence barrister Sir Edward Marshall Hall, regarded by many as the best, raised doubts about much of the evidence.

Light changed his name, moved to Kent and married a widow. He died in 1975 aged 89. With no other leads the case grew cold, though a series of amateur sleuths have tried to investigate it.

The "shooting crows" theory proved particularly popular.

First published by Trueman Humphries in The Strand Magazine in 1922, it accepted Light was innocent. The fields outside Leicester were popular for rooking – shooting birds. Humphries claimed Bella may have been accidentally shot by youths shooting a crow on the gate, explaining the bloody bird tracks and dead crow.

Experts believe it would have been possible for a boy lying in the meadow to shoot a crow on the gate at such an angle that the bullet subsequently hit Bella.

Years later, rumours began to circulate that Light admitted to killing Bella while collecting his belongings from the police station three days after his trial. This "signed confession" was supposedly locked in a safe there and seen by several officers.

Light allegedly said he and Bella were riding home when he agreed to show her his revolver, hidden in his coat pocket. Not realising it was loaded, he took it out but as he handed the gun to Bella it went off. An alternative theory is he took the gun out without telling Bella, to impress her, but it snagged on his pocket and fired.

Either way he supposedly admitted to running off in a panic, then throwing his revolver and another handgun into the canal at a quiet spot near his home. Several weeks later he smuggled his holster and green bicycle out of his mum's home and dumped them further along the canal.

Antony has reproduced much of the evidence he discovered – including the document from the police safe and PC Hall's memoirs.

He says: "The police did their best to find the gun that killed Bella, but didn't know where to look. They never saw the documents I've seen. That is why I believe the revolver might have been thrown into the canal at a dark spot more than a mile away from where the bicycle was found.

"Trying to find those guns after nearly 100 years is like looking for a needle in a haystack, but it would be a sensational discovery."

LATEST TITLES

THE CHILD Fiona Barton, Bantam Press, £12.99, ebook £7.99

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THE second novel from Fiona Barton – author of bestselling The Widow – tells another psychologically thrilling story.

Journalist Kate Waters is back and this time investigating the decades-old skeleton of a baby found on an east London building site. In an effort to land an exclusive story, Kate is determined to find out who buried the baby and if it's Alice Irving, a newborn stolen from a local maternity hospital in the Seventies.

The pace of Kate's investigation is matched by the unravelling story of Emma Massingham, who is struggling to come to terms with her own past.

A standalone novel, The Child sees Fiona Barton's journalist background come to the fore again, with main character Kate's tenacity to uncover the truth the driving force behind the plot. Every couple of chapters, Barton kicks the novel's suspense into a new gear, and you won't be able to put it down until all the secrets have been shared.

THE LYING GAME Ruth Ware, Harvill Secker, £12.99, ebook £7.99

★★★★★

A DARK secret from a forgotten summer gnaws at the heart of this impressive new novel from Ruth Ware.

This pacy and claustrophobic coming-of-age tale hinges on the secrets and lies that bind four friends, Isa, Kate, Thea and Fatima, together into adult life.

Returning to their old boarding school, Isa, now a young mother, is tormented by her hazy and unreliable memories of the weeks surrounding the disappearance of Kate's father 17 years ago, and the consequences of the so-called 'Lying Game' the girls had loved to play. The dreamy narrative leaps from present to past as the horror and guilt is slowly peeled away before reaching a dramatic close.

Ware perfectly captures the overwhelming, heart-wrenching intensity of female teenage friendships.

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Cover property – Chippenham: £995,000

THE School House, a Grade II listed former school in Chippenham, is now available to own at a guide price of £995,000.

The property dates back to the 17th century, and was converted in to a house back in the 1970s, maintaining a wealth of period features. Inside, accommodation comprises a range of generiously sized reception rooms, a playroom/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, five bedrooms, three bath/shower rooms and a large attic space above the living room.

Outside, there's a sweeping driveway to the front, with the extensive gardens predominantly laid to lawn. There are also two garden stores.

For more details contact Jackson-Stops and Staff on (01638) 662231.

Newmarket: £530,000

BROOKLYN House, an elegant semi-detached townhouse moments from Newmarket town centre, is now available at a guide price of £530,000.

The entrance hall leads through to the upper ground floor, containing the sitting room and master bedroom with built in cupboards. The lower ground floor contains a kitchen/dining room with freestanding Range cooker and bi-fold doors to the rear garden- as well as access to an en suite shower room. A study, cloakroom and utility room complete ground floor accommodation.

Upstairs, You'll find the three extra bedrooms (two with fireplaces), as well as a bathroom containing a panelled bath with mixer tap and separate shower over. Outside, there's a landscaped rear garden with sunken patio area and a detached office outbuilding.

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Brinkley: £500,000

THE Rosary, a Victorian era detached property in Brinkley, is now available to own at a guide price of £500,000.

Inside, ground floor accommodation includes a sitting room featuring a fireplace with ornate marble surround, kitchen/dining room with Range style oven and a conservatory with garden access.

Upstairs, you'll find three of the four bedrooms in the property, as well as a modern bathroom with a panelled bath. Outside, the front and rear gardens are laid to lawn, with the rear featuring a patio and the front leading to a single garden.

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Barton Mills: £835,000

With forecasters predicting a fine hot summer, properties with swimming pools have become very attractive to buyers. Great for summer parties round the pool for young and old and the health benefits are well known.

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Moulton — £525,000

A 4 bedroom detached house with scope to extend (subject to planning consents). The impressive accommodation includes 2 reception rooms, a cloakroom, a kitchen with built in appliances and a master bedroom with an ensuite shower room. The totally secluded rear garden enjoys a delightful south facing aspect over open fields. EPC: C. NO CHAIN.

Newmarket — £530,000

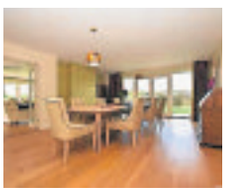
A 4 bedroom semi-detached townhouse with a contemporary open plan ground floor kitchen/dining room, a large first floor master bedroom with ensuite bathroom and 3 further bedrooms on the second floor. Additional features include a landscaped part walled garden, gas central heating and a studio/office. EPC: E.

Newmarket — £550,000

A late Victorian detached house situated close to the town centre. The property has retained a wealth of period character with wood floors and original fireplaces. Formerly 4 bedrooms, the accommodation now includes 4 reception rooms, a converted coach house, 3 double bedrooms, a large dressing room, 2 bathrooms and a private walled garden. EPC: F.

Newmarket — Guide Price £630,000

A substantial 5 bedroom detached residence occupying 1 of the larger plots within this prestigious development. The accommodation includes 3 reception rooms, ground floor cloakroom, a well equipped kitchen/family room, 5 bedrooms and 3 bath/shower rooms. EPC: C.



Fordham — Guide Price £765,000

A 5 bedroom detached property offering spacious accommodation and benefiting from a dining hall, sitting room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, family room, cloakroom and utility room. On the first floor there are 5 bedrooms and 3 bath/shower rooms. Outside there is ample parking and a double garage with a large home office/studio above. EPC: C.

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A 3 bedroom detached property situated in a non-estate location on the edge of the village. The property benefits from a bay fronted sitting room and separate family room, a bay fronted kitchen/dining room with Aga and a master bedroom with an ensuite shower room and balcony. Additional features include a study and ground floor cloakroom, a garden and attractive views over open countryside. EPC: C,

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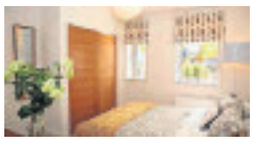

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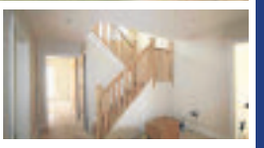

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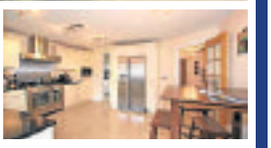

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A substantial and well-presented family home located on the outskirts of the town. The property offers accommodation comprising five generous double bedrooms, three bathrooms (two en-suite), a large living room with Inglenook fireplace, snug/second reception room, dining room, an attractive sun-room, kitchen, utility room and cloakroom. External offerings included an enclosed rear garden, a detached a double garage and a driveway providing ample parking for multiple vehicles. EPC C.

NEWMARKET **GUIDE PRICE £285,000**

A spacious bungalow that is in need of modernisation throughout. The property offers accommodation comprising two Bedrooms, Sitting/Dining Room, a Family Bathroom, Kitchen and Sun Room. Externally the property boasts an predominately laid to lawn front garden, an enclosed rear garden, a detached garage and a generous driveway providing off-road parking for multiple-vehicles. EPC D.

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A characterful detached property located in well-regarded cul-de-sac. The property boast well-proportioned accommodation which includes four bedrooms, two bathrooms (one En-Suite), living room, dining room, kitchen, utility room, sun-room/garden room and cloakroom. The property also offers double garage, a large driveway and rear garden with patio area. Viewing is highly recommended. EPC E.

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Accommodation includes an entrance hall, superb open plan living room leading through to a kitchen/dining room, useful side hallway, four bedrooms and a re-fitted family bathroom. Planning permission has been obtained recently to extend the property. Externally boasting an extensive driveway with a double garage plus a pleasant and rather private enclosed garden. EPC (D)

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Wheels

Stonic compact SUV is unveiled

KIA: Stonic will rival Juke and Captur

KIA may be coming a bit late to the fast-growing compact SUV sector but once the front-wheel-drive Stonic arrives in the UK in October it is expected to become one of the Korean car maker's top-selling models.

Unveiled this week this five-door, five-seater compact SUV, based on Kia's current Rio platform, is likely to be priced between £14,500 and £15,000, smack bang up against the established rival pair of the Nissan Juke and Renault Captur.

The Stonic will be powered with a choice of three current Kia petrol engines – the 1.0-litre 118bhp three-cylinder plus the 1.25-litre and 1.4-litre – while a 1.6-litre diesel engine will be added later.

Kia's UK boss Paul Philpott says the Stonic will prove to be "both one of our biggest selling cars and also our biggest new car to attract conquest sales".

He went on: "The B segment is the fastest growing in the business and we are so pleased to be able to now compete in it for the first time with a model that's really different in our view from the opposition."

Calls for diesel scrappage grow

AROUND two-thirds of UK road users would support a scrappage scheme for older diesel cars, vans and lorries in an effort to get the worst polluting vehicles off our roads, according to a survey by IAM RoadSmart.

Research by the independent road safety charity asked respondents to rate the various options put forward in the Government's recent nitrogen dioxide consultation but found that only three per cent of respondents are confident that the proposed measures solve the problem quickly.

Some 64 per cent of those surveyed said they supported a diesel scrappage scheme, compared to 27 per cent who didn't. Most wanted any scheme to apply to cars over eight years old.

More than 1,400 people across the UK including members and non-members took part in the survey, which was conducted earlier this month.

DIESEL: Pollutants disquiet has reached levels which may impact on the future of older models

Some 83 per cent of those surveyed by IAM RoadSmart agreed with the government's view retro-fitting buses, coaches, HGVs, vans and black cabs with new equipment should be the priority.

However those surveyed felt the driver as an individual also has a responsibility to drive in a more eco-friendly manner. Some 75 per cent agreed that encouraging drivers to change their driving behaviour should play a part in the government's approach to tackling air quality.

UK drivers appear to have been influenced by the "dieselgate" scandal as 67 per cent of them either mistrust or strongly mistrust car makers to sell cars that will match consumer expectations for environmental performance.

Sarah Sillars, IAM RoadSmart chief executive officer, said: "It is clear to me that the public at large feel the Government needs to be decisive and proactive when it comes to making our air quality better. They see strong government direction as key to making sure it happens.

"It is however clear that the car manufacturers have some way to go to rebuild trust with the public – it would seem that only when their environmental claims more closely match real world performance that the trust will be on the increase."

DB11: 0-60mph of 4 seconds for V8

Aston Martin DB11 gets 4-litre V8 turbo

AFTER its successful global introduction in 2016, Aston Martin's definitive GT – the acclaimed DB11 – is now available with a 4.0-litre twin-turbocharged V8 engine.

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4CONTROL: New hot hatch option

Mégane Renault Sport gets four-wheel drive

THE all-new Mégane Renault Sport will be the first hot hatch to have four-wheel steering and offer a choice between two chassis set-ups – Sport or Cup.

The Mégane Renault Sport will be powered by a 300bhp 1.8-litre turbocharged four-cylinder petrol engine and its sprint time from zero to 62mph is expected to be around 5.5 seconds.

Renault claims its 4CONTROL four-wheel steer technology delivers enhanced agility, cornering performance and steering precision by enabling the car's rear wheels to assist in steering by means of an electromagnetic actuator mounted on the rear axle.

When it goes on sale later in the year, up against the latest Honda Civic Type R and the Ford Focus RS, its starting price is likely to be around £27,000.

All-new Fiesta 'the smartest small car'

THE all-new Ford Fiesta delivers the most sophisticated range of driver assistance technologies and connectivity features of any volume small car on sale in Europe, as part of the most comprehensive and versatile line-up of variants in more than 40 years of Fiesta.

Different versions of the all-new Fiesta available at launch include the stylish Titanium, the Ford Performance-inspired Fiesta ST-Line, the upscale Vignale, popular Zetec and value-for-money Style from £12,715.

The Fiesta Active crossover – the first in a new line-up of Active vehicles to be rolled out across the Ford range in years to come – and the all-new 200PS Fiesta ST will also go on sale next year.

Three- and five-door Fiesta variants will deliver superior quality and refinement; feature a stylish new exterior and revolutionary interior design with more personalisation options than ever before. Ford has also further enhanced the Fiesta's widely acclaimed fun to drive character.

FORD FIESTA: 'Most sophisticated small car in Europe'

"It's because we share our customers' passion for Fiesta that we've been able to take this iconic small car's lovable, fun and sporty-to-drive character to the next level, with a greater choice of models than ever and each with a distinctive personality," said Steven Armstrong, Ford group vice president and president, Europe, Middle East & Africa. "We now have a Fiesta option for every driver, with advanced technologies and features that small-car customers could only have dreamed of just a few years ago."

Among an unprecedented range of Fiesta driver assistance features – supported by sensor technologies capable of monitoring up to 130 metres ahead – is an enhanced Pedestrian Detection system that for the first time can help prevent collisions at night; and the first Ford Active Park Assist system that can deliver brake interventions to prevent low-speed bumps when parking hands-free.

Land Rover is backing Lions

ON TOUR: The British and Irish Lions are touring New Zealand

LAND Rover is doing its bit to support the British and Irish Lions during their tour of New Zealand.

As a principal partner of the rugby tourists, the company has supplied a fleet of all-new Discovery models to support the team in their test series against back-to-back world champions the All Blacks.

It is the seventh time Land Rover has been involved in a Lions' tour and it's a relationship that has spanned more than 20 years.

The company has supplied 56 vehicles to be used throughout the tour to transport kit, VIPs and other guests.

And it is an opportunity to showcase the all-new Discovery which was launched earlier this year and offers seven-seat versatility and go-anywhere capabilities. Also utilised are a fleet of Range Rovers and Range Rover Sports.

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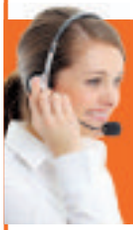

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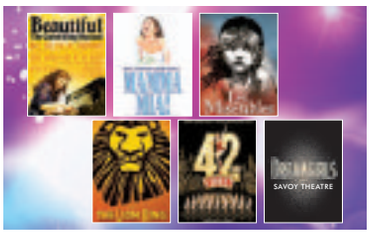

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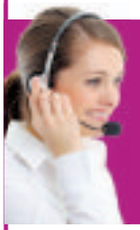

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Athletics

Kings provide Gynn tonic

THE Three Kings, plus their camels, turned up for the Marcus Gynn 10k, the Newmarket Joggers race named after their club member who died last year.

Some of the Joggers ran in fancy dress to raise money for the nominated charity – Sacoma UK – and Jeremy Reader, Robert Jaina and John Duke wore the full royal regalia in sultry temperatures.

Chris Darling, from men's team winners Cambridge & Coleridge, crossed the line first in 33min 40sec with Neil Pollard the first Jogger home in third (35.49). Haverhill Running Club won the women's prize.

Ruth Eberhardt provided one of the highlights, taking five minutes off her 10k PB, to finish in 45.42.

Elsewhere, Ellie Bithnell ran an impressive personal best 1hr 48min 41sec as part of a three-strong Joggers' contingent – Svetlana Zinchenko and Caroline McIntosh also travelled – at the Bassingbourn half-marathon.

Lisa Winnington just missed a sub-hour time in the Great Newham 10K, clocking 1.00.47.

And Giles Macrow who finished his challenge to run every day in June in style – he covered 140 miles – finished with PBs in both the March 5k park run (21.15) and the Marcus Gynn 10k (44.42).

Wilkinson sets a PB in trials

CALLUM Wilkinson recorded a personal best time but had to settle for second place in the 5,000m walk at the British Team Trials on Sunday.

The Moulton race walker recorded 18min 56.96sec at the event in Birmingham.

But Tonbridge's Tom Bosworth won in a British record 18.43.28.

Wilkinson, who competes for Enfield Athletics Club, has already secured a place at the next month's World Championships in London when he finished second to Bosworth at the English Championships in Leeds last month.

Speedway

Duo set up last-gasp Tigers' win

A BRILLIANT last-gasp 5-1 from Jon Armstrong and Jordan Jenkins ended Eastbourne's unbeaten league record and rescued Mildenhall's 100 per cent home form with a thrilling 46-44 win.

The Fen Tigers were staring defeat in the face going into the final race, trailing by two points and needing a maximum for victory against the Eagles' unbeaten Jake Knight and Georgie Wood, who had notched three straight wins.

But as 15-year-old Jenkins tore out of the traps first, his 42-year-old team-mate Armstrong used his wealth of experience to push Knight wide in the first two bends and then storm under Wood on bends three and four to join his partner to defeat the league leaders.

"I was quite shocked to get chosen for heat 15", said Armstrong. "I rode Jake up, which I don't like doing, as I knew he would get past. I then got a good run down the back-straight and there was a bit of an opening under Georgie, which was begging for me to go through."

Mildenhall had opened a 10-point lead after just three heats and still retained a 34-26 advantage after 10 races, despite falls for Dan Halsey, Lewis Whitmore and Jenkins when in scoring positions.

Eastbourne turned the match on its head with back-to-back 5-1s in heats 13 and 14, in which Knight caught Halsey napping on the line, to put them ahead 43-41 going into the last heat face-off.

Mildenhall – Armstrong 11+1 (5 rides), Jenkins 10+1 (5), O'Keefe 7+2 (5), Coles 7+1 (4), Halsey 6 (4), Verge 4+2 (4), Whitmore 1 (3).

Eastbourne – Knight 12+1 (5), Wood 10 (5), Baseby 7 (4), Brennan 5+3 (4), Bates 5+1 (5), Powell 3 (4), Spooner 2 (3).

DAVID CRANE

Cricket

ON THE RUN: Tyron Koen keeps the scoreboard ticking over on his Mildenhall debut
Picture: David Johnson

Who's Best? Koen steps in for a dream debut

Win's all Ty-ed up!

THERE was a new name on the Mildenhall team sheet for their derby at Burwell and he turned out to be something of a hero.

Tyron Koen made his debut in the Gibbs Denley East Anglian Premier League match at Mingay Park as he filled the void left by Tino Best, who has returned to the Caribbean.

And the South African teenager proved he will be one to watch as he struck 92 runs and then claimed 3 for 41 – he removed Simon Donald with his first delivery on English soil – as the visitors triumphed by 33 runs.

"I really couldn't have asked for anything better than that," said Koen. "It was a very good day for Mildenhall and a big win for us.

"It was the first pitch I've played on in England and I thought it was quite a decent one. It was a bit slow, but it was one to get stuck in on it and bat long.

"I was a bit upset not to finish it off and get a hundred, but I guess that happens.

"I don't really know what I am, to be honest, but a batting all-rounder I would say. With my bowling I didn't have a good rhythm in the run-up or anything, but the figures were pretty decent so it wasn't too bad."

Burwell captain Joe Tetley won the toss and his team reduced the visitors to 33 for 4 and then 126 for 6 at lunch.

Jay Ghelani (4 for 38), Sam Rippington (3 for 59) and Ben Seabrook (3 for 37) did the damage, but Koen's 92 off 88 balls helped Mildenhall reach 212 all out from 57.2 overs.

Koen, 19, struck early when he trapped Donald lbw, but Burwell got to 63 for 3 thanks to opener Tom Jagot (32).

Mildenhall lost Kyle Morrison (3 for 32) to injury and they were forced to field for quite some time with only 10 men.

However, all three outcomes appeared possible while Jamie Seabrook remained at the crease. But his excellent innings was ended on 49 when spinner Joe Reed had him stumped by Ed Finnis.

That was the ninth home wicket to go down and Koen secured the victory by trapping Josh Arksey lbw as Burwell totalled 179 with 3.3 overs remaining.

Now Koen, who hails from Durban, is dreaming of more good days for his new club.

"I was looking to come over and Mildenhall said they were losing their pro," said Koen. "They asked me to come over and I was more than happy to. Hopefully there are even better things to come, and hopefully I can get those extra eight runs somewhere along the line!"

Racing

Nezwaah's Pretty well set for big-race targets

ROGER Varian was delighted to see Nezwaah justify his faith with a brilliant display in the Pretty Polly Stakes at the Curragh.

The daughter of Dubawi came up short on her only previous appearance at the highest level in Canada last autumn, but having danced clear in a Listed event at Ayr on her seasonal reappearance, Varian was keen to give her another chance to prove her worth.

The 13-2 chance travelled strongly throughout in the hands of Andrea Atzeni as Creggs Pipe set a furious pace before folding. Zhukova hit the front inside the final two furlongs, but Nezwaah ranged alongside soon after and powered clear to score by three and a quarter lengths from Rain Goddess.

Discussing future targets, Newmarket trainer Varian said: "She's well entered up. She's in the Nassau Stakes, the Beverly D at Arlington. She's got all the big entries and we thought how we ran today would perhaps determine where we went.

"Maybe she's justified staying in Europe and taking her to Goodwood for the Nassau. We'll see."

Hugo Palmer continued his recent upturn in form after Home Of The Brave completed an across-the-card Group-race double with victory in the Betway Criterion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday.

After having suffered a frustrating start to the season, the Newmarket handler looks to have turned a corner as the five-year-old claimed the second Group Three contest of his career to back up the victory of stablemate Koropick, who struck at the same level earlier in the day at Newcastle.

Ridden prominently throughout the seven-furlong prize, the talented, but quirky, son of Starspangledbanner had enough in hand to keep at bay the staying-on Jungle Cat by three-quarters of a length and set up a tilt at next month's Qatar Lennox Stakes at Goodwood.

Palmer said of the 13-8 favourite: "I think we will give him a short break and head for the Lennox as that is the obvious race."

Meanwhile, Higher Power kept trainer James Fanshawe and jockey Tom Queally in the headlines when winning the Stobart Rail Northumberland Plate Handicap at Newcastle.

Just a week on from Group One glory at Royal Ascot with The Tin Man, Higher Power may have been winning a handicap but there was nearly £100,000 on offer for the winner.

Fanshawe had three of the 20 runners and it is fair to say they were all trained to the minute as Lord George was fourth and Sam Missile dead-heated for sixth.

For Queally, who has drifted out of the limelight since Frankel's retirement, it was a first win in the race while Fanshawe had previously been successful with Bold Gait in 1995.

Fanshawe said: "We'll go for black type races now. He's in the Goodwood Cup but it might just come a bit quick."

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